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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St., SW Room TW-B204 Washington, DC 20554

Re: Request to Defer Section 214 Application of Eastern Kansas Holdings, Inc., File No. ITC-ASG-20050405-00140, DA 05-1262, WC Docket No. 05-164

Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Department of Justice ("DOJ"), including the Federal Bureau of Investigation ("FBI"), with the concurrence of the Department of Homeland Security ("DHS"), requests that the Federal Communications Commission ("Commission") defer action on the application of Eastern Kansas Holdings, Inc. (the "Applicant") for authorization under Section 214 of the Communications Act of 1934, until such time as DOJ, FBI, and DHS (i) notify the Commission that potential national security, law enforcement, and public safety issues raised by the application have or have not been resolved, and (ii) on that basis, request appropriate action by the Commission. Necessarily, DOJ, FBI, and DHS also request that the Commission remove the application from streamlined processing.

After receiving notice of the application, DOJ, FBI, and DHS have been in contact with the Applicant to request additional information relating to national security, law enforcement, and public safety concerns. DOJ, FBI, and DHS have not obtained that information as of the date of this letter and thus are not in a position to address these concerns. We anticipate that DOJ, FBI, and DHS will act expeditiously upon receipt of the information and will advise the Commission promptly upon completion of our review.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Deputy Assistant Attorney General

cc: Eastern Kansas Holdings, Inc.

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